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THEY TALKED MUCH BUT WILL IT DO THE WORK?

How Shall the Young Ladies Dress Who Attend the Schools of the City?

Shall They Go Attired Like Movie Actresses Or In Simple \$60.00 Dresses?

The male members of the St. Joseph school board now know more—or at least think that they know more—about women's dressing than they ever did before—and most of them are staid and sober old married men at that. The reason that they know—or think that they know—more about the dressing of women is that on Thursday the board had a special meeting with representatives of the Parent-Teachers Association and discussed with these women the intricate question of dress—women's dress if you please.

Now if you will approach President Aitchison or member W. P. Fulkerson and intimate gently that you were in need of an expert opinion on female apparel and its proper disposition, you might get one of two things—and you would be sure to get one of them—that being either a consistent and civil answer or the other a black eye. It would be idle at the present moment to attempt to guess the state of mind of these two directors and which of the two methods he might pursue if questioned.

Can You Blame Them?

And really now do you think that you could be honest to yourself and not grant them the right to do either way? They have had the trial and they know what it is. They have now known what it is to go up against a crowd of women who know all about dress, and they know not a thing of it—and they asked questions.

School is about to open and the dresses of a majority of the girl pupils last year—especially of those who attended the high school—were entirely too elaborate—in other words too loud—and the meeting was for the purpose of correcting it. There also was too lavish a display of jewelry; too much silk hose in decided evidence; too many georgette dresses; too much, too many high heels. Mrs. Masters and Mrs. Cavan Wyatt started the ball to rolling when they made suggestions and right from that time on the men were fuddled and befuddled. When one woman suggested that in Los Angeles the high school girls went to their studies so extremely dressed that it was impossible to tell them from movie actresses, there was a general idea in the minds of the directors that there were some sights out that way.

When another mother stated that a neighbor of hers had said to her that she did not see why any one could object to her daughter going to school draped in a simple tricotone dress that cost only sixty dollars, Director Fulkerson started two or three quiet smiles to circulate when he asked casually whether it was the dress or the mother that was simple.

But All Came to This

But after it was all said and done—after two hours of learned opinions and some not half so learned—after all sorts of discussion it all resolved itself down to this little resolution offered by Director Fulkerson, which was unanimously passed:

"We recommend the abolishment of overdressing in the high schools by both teacher and student and strongly condemn the wearing of expensive apparel, jewelry, silk hose and high heel shoes or slippers and request the co-operation of parents and students in an effort to effect a simple and sensible school costume. We further recommend that a lack of observance of the sentiments herein expressed be regarded unfavorably by the board of education, the Parent-Teacher Association and the student body, as disloyal to the best interest of the schools and that failure to observe the ideas expressed herein will be regarded as an attempt at snobishness."

"We respectfully request the assistance and co-operation of parents and student body to the end that a sentiment be created to make effective this attempt to get back to sensible and normal dress conditions."

And there was the gifted and affable Jack Hoy would say, "thar you air!"

The Exton fair will be in full blast next week.

CIRCULATORS CLOSE MEET

Elect Officers and Hold a Banquet in the Robidoux Blue Room.

It was a jolly crowd which gathered around the banquet board in the blue room of the Robidoux Wednesday night, when the annual convention of the Mid-West Circulation Managers was concluded. Sidney J. Long of Wichita presided and responses to toast were given by Charles D. Morris, Roy F. Bailey, H. A. Sprague and others.

The annual election of officers and directors was the closing business event and resulted in the selection of Sidney D. Long, Wichita, Kan., re-elected president; W. Boeshans, St. Joseph, vice-president; W. W. Rhoads, Kansas City, re-elected secretary-treasurer. The directors are: Roy Bailey, Journal, Salina, Kan.; A. T. Butler, Beacon, Wichita, Kan.; H. S. Blake, Copper Publications, Topeka, Kan.; M. W. Halmbacher, Oklahoma City, Okla.; A. D. Uzzell, Globe, Joplin, Mo.; Walt Reynolds, Tribune, Fremont, Neb.; J. D. Levand, Post, Denver, Colo. The next meeting will be Wednesday and Thursday of the second week in March, 1922, in Kansas City.

The evening was largely devoted to story telling and reminiscences, and was a most pleasurable occasion.

WILL SHIFT ITS TROLLEY TRACKS

The street railway people and the city got together this week when General Manager B. C. Adams and President Stouffer of the board of public works settled the question of where the street car tracks should be on St. Joseph avenue extension, whereby the street railway will remove its tracks from the west side, to the center of the street and will pay its share of the cost of paving the road. It will also repair the car tracks from Renick to Monterey. It will cost the company \$15,000 to complete both jobs, and General Manager Adams on Wednesday wired for seventy-five tons of rails to use in the work.

KELLEY KNOCKED 'EM RIGHT AND LEFT

When police detective John Reichen and Constable Hatfield in taking Charles Kelley, the auto thief, back to jail Thursday, reached the Farnon street side of the jail, Kelley hauled off and knocked Reichen into a comatose heap and escaped. A short time later he was recaptured in the Maple Leaf yards by deputy constable C. H. Cline and while the latter was telephoning from a police box for the wagon Kelley knocked him out and again escaped. Cline recaptured him a short time later and this time marched him in with a pistol stuck in his back when Cline kept his unblackened eye carefully focused.

ST. JOSEPH DAY A HUMMER

St. Joseph Day at the big Fall Festival was the top sheaf, it being a success paramount. There were more people there than the most sanguine of the management ever dared to hope for, and the programme put up to the assembled thousands was of a high order of merit. The race card was of the best, the track was fast and there was not an untoward incident to mar the pleasures of a perfect day. The entire week has been a success and the management is highly pleased. The big fall affair will close tomorrow with the Roundup much in evidence.

THE LITTLE MISTAKE C. D. MADE

The boys say that John Albus says that Charley Morris was probably as badly mistaken in his editorial when he says that the renter will not have to pay any of the park tax, as he was when he left St. Joseph last year for the R-republican state convention, stating to the people that he would be the next representative from Buchanan county.

LOST IN QUICKSAND

The Automobile Thieving Gang Knew How to Get Dangerous Cars Out of the Way.

Where some of the cars stolen from this city and which have disappeared as completely as if the earth had opened and swallowed them, is now known through the arrest by the Omaha agent of the department of justice of a gang of auto thieves who operated with great freedom in the Missouri river bottom north of this city in the vicinity of Langdon, and at and near Aspinwall, Neb., the ferry west of Corns and Langdon. Six men and a woman are under arrest and in federal custody. They are Harold A. McLaughlin, Omaha, in jail at Lincoln.

James W. "Tennessee" Shepard, in jail at Lincoln.

E. P. "Foot-and-a-half" Butler, under bonds in Omaha and Lincoln.

Ivor Burg, wealthy farmer, under bonds at St. Joseph and Lincoln.

James Clark, Langdon, Mo., under bonds at Lincoln.

Mike Dooley, alias E. E. Mason, under bonds at Lincoln.

Sonie Mason, Dooley's wife, released on her recognizance for appearance.

According to detailed reports, the scheme for wholesale theft and destruction of autos from this section was organized to a fine degree of perfection, and has been working for nearly a year.

It is charged that McLaughlin, Shepard and Butler did most of the actual stealing of cars, and drove them to Mike Dooley's lonely camp in the Missouri Valley at Aspinwall Ferry, south of Langdon, Mo.

These cars were altered so as to defy detection or identification, and turned over, it is charged, to Ivor Burg, a wealthy farmer near Langdon, for sale. Clark is said to have been another fence and go-between at Langdon.

It is charged that Dooley knew the quicksand spots handiest for "losing" insured cars, and that many dozens of valuable machines have thus been lost for the money to be obtained from insurance. The vandals burned insured cars at lonely spots between Lincoln and Omaha and Langdon, along the river, it is alleged.

The recovery of an expensive car belonging to W. B. Hughes, Omaha banker, stolen several months ago, led to the uncovering of the gang by federal authorities. This car was recovered at Langdon, and then the facts began to leak out. Another big car owned by P. J. Dunham of Lincoln was also recovered there.

Prosecution is being brought under the Dyer motor vehicle act, which provides heavy fines and imprisonment for interstate transportation of stolen vehicles.

MRS. GLENN YOUNG FINDS FATHER

Sixteen years ago the parents of Mrs. Glenn Young, who until Sunday was a charity patient at Noyes Hospital, separated at Hannibal, the mother taking two and the father two of the four children. The father in some way became separated from the daughter, Rosa Viola, now Mrs. Young, and never could locate her again until last week when by accident he learned she was a charity patient in the Noyes hospital and came here and took her to his Kansas City home.

MRS. BURRIS IS BADLY CUT

When J. W. Burris failed to find his wife at their home, 2719 Mary street, Wednesday morning, he went to the W. D. Spurlock home at 2705 Patee street where he found her washing in the Spurlock basement wash room. Without scarcely a word he attacked her with a razor and when he had finished he had slashed her throat, breast, arms and back in a terrible manner. The woman is yet alive at the Noyes Hospital but in a grave condition and Burris is in jail. The couple it is said quarrelled a great deal.

HARRY LEWIS WAS MUCH WANTED

Harry Lewis, who also sails around under the name of Kelley, was arrested Tuesday night while he was driving a Ford coupe which he had stolen from H. C. Grantham of Pattonsburg. In the car was a trombone that had been stolen from A. A. Hostick of Agency which was in Bostick's car when it was stolen Monday. Lewis is believed by the authorities to be at the head of a gang of motor car thieves who are operating in this section.

Lahey had its inning Monday in St. Joseph—and made good.

WHY THIS GREAT DELAY AT SPECIAL SESSION

WITH ALL OF THE PARTY MACHINERY IN COMPLETE POSSESSION

WHAT'S THE USE OLD SENATOR REMARKED

While the Millennium Has Not Yet Blown Up With a Bang the Time Is Not Far Distant When It Is Scheduled to Give the Country a Real Exhibition of Just How a Complete Blow-up Can be Successfully Staged.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—(Special Correspondence).—It was a splendid assemblage that gathered last March to witness the inauguration of President Harding, after eight years of Republican wandering in the wilderness, largely due to President Taft's strong leaning toward corporate interests and to Republican legislative favors to the big rich. The crowd on the presidential pavilion and the reserved sections was made up largely of silk-hatted gentlemen whose names are found in the lists of the directorate of the big industrial corporations, railroads and banks. There were many greetings, much of handshaking and congratulating, but perhaps nothing was more enlightening than the brief confab between one of the guests and one of the wise old Republican senators who had seen McKinley and Taft come and go. The director was in fine fettle—the conditions were auspicious. He remarked, as he looked about on Republican senators, representatives and hangers-on, sleek, prosperous and without number, that "it looks as if the millennium has come." "You," replied the old and wise senator, "and that same millennium will, within a few months, blow up with a loud bang."

Not Yet—But Soon

It has not yet blown up, but those who saw the beginnings of cleavage in the Republican ranks in 1908, and saw that split result in the election of a Democratic congress in 1910, are strongly reminded of those days. Dissension is strong in the Republican ranks today. They are again finding ample causes for disagreement.

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AS IT SHOULD BE

Judge Burnes Will Serve Out His Term in the Plattsburg District.

Judge Burnes came up from Platte City to attend the chautauqua today. He was in this morning and made us a good visit.

Every Democrat in Clinton county who signed the judicial referendum petitions ought to feel good because those petitions put a quietus on legislating our circuit judges out of office before their terms had expired. The circuit judges will serve out their time in the old districts. After the November election next year they will begin to serve in the new districts. Platte, Clinton, DeKalb and Gentry, a Democratic district, and that means we will have our present circuit judge continue on the bench.

Those Democrats who refused to sign the judicial referendum petitions, if any can be found, will have to "fess-up" that those who did sign were absolutely right.

It always pays to "kick" when anybody or any party is trying to put anything over on you.—Clinton County Democrat.

LABOR HAD A GALA DAY

No day could have been more pleasant than Monday, for the annual observance of Labor day—and it was properly observed in St. Joseph, where thousands of workers turned out and gave one of the biggest parades and demonstrations of the kind in the history of the city. The exercises were held at Bartlett Park, where speeches were made by Rev. W. L. Rucker, J. L. Wines, John I. McDonald and others.

Congressman Charles L. Faust reached home Sunday for a three weeks stay, while waiting on the senate to catch up on the tariff and tax questions. Congressman Faust looks well and Washington life seems to agree with him. He speaks with great confidence of the future and feels that the president will put things in shape in short order.

WORKED FOR SUCKERS

Chautauqua Managements Put It Over on the Towns Which Fall for Bunk.

The following appeared in the Sentinel of Parnell this week:

"Members of the Parnell Chautauqua Guarantee are hereby notified that the amount of their Chautauqua Guarantee is now due and payable at once to the secretary. The amount that each subscriber must pay is \$4.50 per person. If you are a real live, red-blooded, booming citizen and believe in the betterment of your town and in keeping awake with the times and having some of the good things brought to your town, you cannot but feel that it is your duty to pay promptly. When you signed this guarantee you agreed to assume one-hundredth part of the expense involved and now it is your duty to come up to that agreement."

"FRED MESSENGER,
"Secretary Parnell Chautauqua."

And in the Journal of Edgerton this week there appears this:

"The Edgerton Chautauqua was not successful this year. There were 36 names on the guarantee committee, six of whom moved away, four would not help pay the deficit, leaving 26 men to pay \$115 each. They are contemplating another plan for next year—a committee of at least 100, and a change from the Redpath-Vawter system which they have patronized nine times."

These are but samples of many that are now appearing all over this section of the country, for many Chautauqua this year have proven failures on account of the mediocre "talent" furnished by the bureaus which gull the people—and get away with it.

And further—this sort of notice of failure will continue as long as the local Chautauqua boards organized in the cities, villages and towns will allow themselves to be hoodwinked into putting up a guarantee for these "attractions." The moment that the local boards tell the smooth agents put out by these "bureaus" that "if they want to put on a show at their places they will attend, but a guarantee, oh no!" there will be a stop to those deficits. Why should any town guarantee anything for these "bun-rans," who are out only for what they can get from gullible communities? No one comes around to guarantee the farmer's crop, or the merchant's stock, so why should they guarantee chautauqua managements? The little city of Graham has blazed the way. Up there the committee hires its own talent, puts on its own chautauqua—and has made a success. For three years past it has cleared money each year and has it in the treasury—and the management told the agents who wanted guarantees—to go to.

ON THE GROUND ROTTING

A Thousand Bales of Cotton for Which There Is No Market at Present.

The report extant among the consumers to the effect that owing to "the shortage of cotton" there would soon be an advance in cotton goods, the following taken from the Howell County Gazette of West Plains will show that if there is a "shortage" it is an artificial one. Read this:

"One thousand bales of cotton are rotting today in Fulton county, Arkansas, which borders Howell county on the south. This is the news that was brought to West Plains last week by Judge C. E. Elmore, a prominent attorney of Mammoth Springs. It is but a return to 'normalcy.' Judge Elmore is like a great many other people. He says: 'Last year, during the campaign, men pranced up and down the country telling us that if the Republican party was successful we would have 50 cent cotton, 75 cent cream, \$3 wheat, \$2 corn, 65 cent eggs, \$300 mules and \$100 cows. Some fool Democrats were misled by this sort of propaganda, but all of them are wiser now, and so are the Republicans, but they won't acknowledge it. They voted for a change, and they got it, but it was a bigger dose than the doctor ordered.' Judge Elmore further says that it is the hardest job in the world today to get a Republican in Arkansas to acknowledge his politics, and he does it hesitatingly and with apologies."

TWO NEGRO GIRLS DROWN SATURDAY

Two little negro girls, May, 10 years, and Minnie, 9 years of age, daughters of John Scott, employed in the Burlington shops in this city, were drowned in the Missouri near Elwood Saturday. They had gone in swimming, according to the statement of their sister Alice, 18 years of age, who says they got beyond their depth and drowned. May's body was found Sunday. Alice is in jail at Troy, Kan., where the charge is made that she drowned her little sisters. She denies it. The body of Minnie was found Tuesday.

SAYS THAT MATERIALISM IS A FAILURE

THE LAST SEVEN YEARS HAVE PROVEN THIS TO BE THE CASE

IT HAS HAD ALL THE CHANCE IT SHOULD HAVE

John J. Flinn, C. S., a Former Well Known Newspaper Man of This City Who Earlier Was Connected With The Gazette, Spoke to a Crowded House at the First Church of Christ Scientist on Tuesday Night and Deeply Impressed His Hearers.

Thirty years ago John J. Flinn, now a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the Church of Christ Scientist of Boston, was a member of the editorial staff of the St. Joseph Gazette, and in that time was well known to the people of St. Joseph. Tuesday night he appeared here again and this time before an assemblage that filled all of the space in the commodious First Church and from the rostrum of which he delivered a lecture that greatly interested all of his hearers. He was introduced in a most pleasing manner by Mrs. Myrtle E. Vignas, who made an exceptionally interesting introductory address, after which in part he said:

For ages men have been engaged in an effort to get more out of life, to obtain a larger measure of liberty, and to find in the possession of both that ease, comfort, contentment and peace which are supposed to make up the sum of human happiness. But the prizes sought have been elusive; they have lost their value even with seeming attainment, for the struggle to capture them has, in the main, been carried along on the theory that happiness is something material and, therefore, to be pursued by indulging the material senses and turning loose upon the chase the sensual desires.

To judge by appearances, the world as a whole today is unhappy; never more so in all its history. If one were disposed to indulge in it, here would be an exceptionally tempting opportunity to satirize material prosperity. Prosperity and happiness, happiness and prosperity, as we all know, are almost invariably coupled in human thought and conversation. Humanity in general thinks of happiness as something largely if not wholly dependent upon, or certainly as a companion of, prosperity. In the opinion of the world, to be prosperous means to be happy.

Materialism Has Its Chance

Never has materialism had its way more completely than in the last seven years. Never has its way been less obstructed. To have opposed its headlong career during the greater part of this time would have been to invite opprobrium and hostility. It dominated nearly everything and everybody. An opponent of its methods would be as one crying in the wilderness in the midst of a howling storm. Here was its chance, and it made the most of it. For years it had been impatiently awaiting the day when it would prove itself the greatest force on the globe. The opportunity coming at last, it proved only one thing: its ability to destroy. It upset the world, it halted progress, it stifled production, it unsettled the thoughts of men; it wrought havoc and scattered wreckage wherever its power or influence was felt. The world is still staggering from its thunderous explosions. It counted upon its big loans, big profits, high wages, great bank accounts the setting in of an era of inflation and artificial prosperity—for justification. All of these were realized to the satisfaction of human craving, and with their realization came a period of luxury and extravagance such as history had never before recorded; but in conjunction with it all came experiences in popular disillusionment, popular disappointment, and, worse than all, in widespread moral degeneracy, from which no permanent recovery is possible save that which shall be brought about through spiritual regeneration.

Looking in the Wrong Direction

Outside of Christian Science, practically all are looking in a wrong direction for an acceptable and satisfying arrangement of the differences that are disturbing the world. It is generally hoped that by appealing to the individual and collective selfishness of men a basis of settlement may be found through territorial

IT'S GREATEST MONTH

August Brought More Feet of Lumber to Los Angeles Than Ever Before.

Tunley S. Cordill, postmaster at San Pedro, Calif., in charge of the station at that place and formerly connected with the St. Joseph post office, has developed into one of the most ardent of boosters for the Golden State. This week he sends to this paper among other items this on the lumber situation. It is of Los Angeles the dispatch speaks as follows:

"All indications point to August as being the banner month in the history of the harbor in the matter of lumber receipts. Traffic Manager Inar A. Peterson stated yesterday that over 70,000,000 feet have arrived since July 24, with many new vessels being listed for loading every day."

"Both the Southern Pacific and the Salt Lake Railway systems have been compelled to add new switching crews to make up the trains and to spot the cars for loading at the various wharves and an enormous number of men have been put to work both in unloading the vessels and caring for the lumber after it has been landed on the docks."

CAPT. RICHARD DUNCAN RETIRES

Capt. Richard Duncan, son of Mrs. J. A. Duncan, 1027 Mesquite, and brother of Mrs. Wiley Cox and federal commissioner Jack Duncan, is at home now, having arrived Sunday from Washington where he with his sister attended the funeral of their brother, Capt. Donald Duncan, killed in action in France June 6, 1918. Capt. Duncan has resigned his commission in the regular army which he held for some time, he joining the army in 1916. His last command was at Camp Meade. Capt. Duncan made a splendid record while in service.

gifts, through some amelioration of indemnities, through resumption of trade relations, through preferential tariffs, or, when these, or any of them, fail of effect, through some kind of pressure. The thought of bringing about an understanding on a basis of good will, of usefulness, of forgiveness and forgetfulness, of brotherliness, of the Golden Rule, of the Christy injunction that "ye love one another," is submerged by the false and foolish belief that behind every international treaty all the ancient geographical, racial, tribal, political and religious bigotries, prejudices and bitternesses must be preserved to meet possible or impossible emergencies.

Mary Baker Eddy, if the leaders of the peoples of the earth would see it, as some day they must and shall, has long since made clear the basis upon which world harmony can be secured; namely, through: the understanding of the one great and only God, whereby the destruction of all false gods may be brought about.

A Blessing to All

We have from our revered leader an unqualified indorsement of the axiom that the impossible never happens. We have learned from her that what blesses one, blesses all. Most of us realize from our own experience that good manifested radiates beyond the bounds of our vision, even beyond the bounds of our imagination. Our reasoning faculties teach us, even if our spiritual intuition be dull, that if Christian Science heals in one instance through the intelligent application of Principle, there can be no limitation placed upon its healing efficacy. It needs only to be applied to government, to politics, to economics, to finance, to commerce, to sociology, to education, to the morals of the people, in order that it shall work marvelous changes in that potential power of democracy known as popular opinion.

There is no more efficacious agency than Christian Science for the promotion of better taste, higher aspirations and good will among all people. It is the most tranquilizing influence operating throughout the world today. Its doctrines have already transformed for the better the aspiration and character of millions of people in all parts of the globe, and every one of these is spreading its truth, expressing his gratitude, not so much by word of mouth, nor by indulging in religious controversy, as by letting his light shine. Through the reflection of Life, Truth and Love, the omnipotent power of God is being more widely recognized now than ever before, and there is coming into the consciousness of the nations, slowly but surely, an attitude of thought which will eventually weld

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